

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 19 and 25, as follows.

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus ~~used for~~ in an exposure system, said apparatus comprising:

a generation unit which generates a parameter file described in a markup language based on a parameter used in the exposure system, the parameter file including information for displaying an image concerning at least one of a shot layout and a sample shot for an exposure process to be performed by the exposure system, and a program for editing the image; and

a providing unit which provides the parameter file generated by the generation unit to another information processing apparatus ~~out arranged outside~~ of the exposure system.

20. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the program is described in a script language.

21. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising a first reception unit which receives the parameter from the exposure system.

22. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said providing unit transmits the parameter file to the other information processing apparatus.

23. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising a second reception unit which receives the parameter file from the other information processing apparatus.

24. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising a transmitting unit which transmits a parameter edited via the program to the exposure system.

25. (Currently Amended) An information processing method used ~~for~~ in an exposure system, said method comprising steps of:

generating a parameter file described in a markup language based on a parameter used in the exposure system, the parameter file including information for displaying an image concerning at least one of a shot layout and a sample shot for an exposure process to be performed by the exposure system, and a program for editing the image; and

providing the parameter file generated in the exposure system to another an information processing apparatus ~~out~~ arranged outside of the exposure system.

26. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein the program is described in a script language.

27. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, further comprising a first reception step of receiving the parameter from the exposure system.

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein said providing step transmits the parameter file to the other information processing apparatus.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, further comprising a second reception step of receiving the parameter file from the other information processing apparatus.

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, further comprising a transmitting step of transmitting a parameter edited via the program to the exposure system.